

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-20, and 22-32 and 38-40 are pending. Claims 10-15, 18-19, 26-28, and 31-32 are amended and claims 38-40 are new. Claims 38-40 are supported in the specification, for example, at page 12, lines 7-11, and page 14, lines 18-23.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 10-15, 18-19, 26-28, and 30-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Without conceding the propriety of the rejection and to expedite prosecution, claims 10-15, 18-19, 26-28, and 30-31 have been amended to remove the term "about." Thus, claims 10-15, 18-19, 26-28, and 30-31 satisfy the definiteness requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

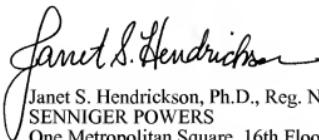
Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 3-20, and 22-32 as being unpatentable in view of Neuwelt (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0198841). Neuwelt claims benefit of a priority date of March 13, 2003, the filing date for U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/454,886. As evidenced by the simultaneously submitted declaration of inventor Kathleen C. M. Campbell, she conceived of her invention before March 13, 2003 (the priority date of the Newelt application) and her invention was diligently reduced to practice. Thus, the Neuwelt reference is not prior art for the instant claims and applicant further maintains that claims 1, 3-20, and 22-32 are patentable even if Neuwelt were considered as statutory prior art.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the present application is now in a condition for allowance and requests early allowance of the pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment and credit any overpayment of government fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

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